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Deep in the Heart of Texas

Who travels to the deep south in the middle of July? Well, I do. The Lake County Law Library received a partial grant from the Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries to cover expenses for my first-time attendance to the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) national conference scheduled in San Antonio, Texas in July. Despite the heat, this was a fantastic event with many worthwhile workshops and speakers that will definitely come in handy to our library and its users.



Aside from the vendor exhibits and helpful technology workshops, I had the good fortune to visit sessions with two highly energetic and dynamic speakers who really stood out from the crowd:

One of the most worthwhile workshops was "Integrated Visibility" with Mr. Thom Singer of Austin, TX. Mr. Singer presented the importance of professional networking with energy and enthusiasm, peppered with inspirational examples on how to tell your story; cultivate partnerships; stand out from the crowd; and be relevant to key people. He spoke of "personal branding," as well as the myths of networking. Mr. Singer is the author of multiple titles including his latest: *The ABCs of Networking*. Additional information can be found at: http://www.thomsinger.com.

The second workshop included a session with Mr. Ricardo Cedillo, Esq. entitled: "Demonstrative Evidence, Courtroom Technology, and Trial Practice." Mr. Cedillo explained that 65% of us are visual learners and 90% of all information we process is visual. He discussed the importance of charts, timelines, audio recordings, slideshow presentations, and videos, etc. and how to utilize this technology to effectively communicate evidence in the trial courtroom. Mr. Cedillo was an engaging and dynamic speaker whom I later learned was voted one of the top 25 Texas attorneys in the last quarter century. He was an engaging and informative speaker.

The conference was a great learning experience, and I'm anxious to share my newfound knowledge with others. On a lighter note, I've never been to a state where most of the restaurants served waffles in the shape of their home state. Every breakfast restaurant appeared to own a Texas-shaped waffle iron. And...the Texas Longhorn Lincoln Continental in the above picture was not my rental car....but it just summed up my experience that everything was bigger and flashier in Texas.

Have a great summer!

Sandra E. Murphy

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LIBRARY NEWS

Westlaw Classic

Thomson Reuters has announced a phased removal of Westlaw Classic from Government accounts beginning in October. Classic users will begin seeing a pop-up message notifying them of the transition to WestlawNext beginning in August. Training opportunities will be made available in the coming months. Stay tuned for further updates.

Facebook

The Lake County Law Library Resources Board recently adopted a social media policy as a way to update users on the latest library news and services. An announcement will be made when our new Facebook page is completed!

TECHNOLOGY TIP



What is Prezi?

Prezi is a free, alternative presentation software that emphasizes images over text. Users can use fixed templates, diagrams or a blank canvas to build a Prezi. There are

software versions for both Microsoft and Apple products and the information is cloud-based so it can be accessed anywhere there is an internet connection. An added bonus is that multiple users can create and collaborate in real time on a Prezi. Sound and animation can be added, as well as YouTube videos and background music. A Prezi may take longer to create but it is more engaging to the audience.

To learn more about Prezi, visit the website at:: http://prezi.com/about

BIBLIOTECH: THE NATION'S FIRST, ALL-DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

When visiting San Antonio, TX, I had the opportunity to tour our nation's first, all-digital public library which opened in September, 2013. This library functions just like any other public library with classes, programs, reading material, music, magazines, movies, etc. but it is accomplished with 48 computers, 600



e-readers, tablets, laptops, and surface tables. The library has a digital reading room; 2 group study rooms; a dedicated children's area; community room; lounge; café and printier/copier room. Their primary goals are to breakdown barriers to reading and to meet the needs of low income families.

For more information, please visit: http://bexarbibliotech.org/

USED BOOK SALE TITLES:

We update our resource collection with new editions on a regular basis. Softbound discarded titles and CDs are only \$5.00 each. Hardbound discarded titles are \$10.00 each. Sale titles include:

- Federal Civil Rights Acts Vol. 1-2, 2013-14
- Lentz School Security, 2013
- Ohio Planning and Zoning Law, 2013
- Search and Seizure Checklists, 2013
- Zoning and Planning Law Handbook,2013



SERVICES

The law library shall provide legal research, reference, and library services to County and State employees, authorized legal practitioners, and their staffs. Services are as follows:

- Print library of over 1600 titles
- Laptops with Microsoft Office
- Sony digital camcorder
- Optoma media projector with screen
- Audio tapes, video tapes, and anatomical models and charts
- Portable X-Ray view box for courtroom presentations
- Reference assistance and technical training
- Wireless internet access throughout the library

- Complimentary copy of Connexus
- Document enlargement to various poster size along with matching frames
- Polycom VSX 7000 videoconferencing equipment with multipoint software for depositions, testimony, etc. **
- Fax service to or from your home or office **
- Photocopies **
- ** Fees for service may be charged